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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98,
Applicants identify the materials listed below and on the
modified form PTO-1449 accompanying this submission:

U.S. PATENTS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Date</u>
3,609,632	Vetter	September 28, 1971
4,134,634	Baur, et al.	January 16, 1979
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NON-U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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0526294	Europe (EPO)	February 3, 1993
9406232.3	Germany	July 7, 1994
2249776	United Kingdom	May 20, 1992

Copies of the listed materials are enclosed. Applicants do not concede that the identified materials, or any of them, constitute prior art within the meaning of the United States patent laws.

The non-English language documents were cited as "A" references ("not considered to be of particular relevance") in connection with the corresponding PCT application and may be relevant at least because so cited. The German document additionally is discussed in the specification. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3).

Applicants are submitting this paper within three months of the filing of the application and accordingly believe no fee is due. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1). However, if Applicants' belief is mistaken, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to debit deposit account No. 11-0855 for any such fee presently due.

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